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THE



EXTENDED
NECK

Times have changed, indeed, since JULIUS CAESAR wiped out enemies at a cost of 78¢ a head, or thereabouts. Now, a single tank costs more than all Caesar's legions; a bomber may easily run to \$4 million, a battleship to \$150 million or more. Even in a period of theoretical peace, military expenditures acc't for nearly 1/3 of Fed'l budget. Everybody agrees costs are just awful and something ought to be done about it.

Now, Defense Sec'y LOUIS JOHNSON is doing something. Fortified by HOOVER recommendations, he has dismissed 135,000 civilians in military forces; released 12,073 reserve officers from active duty; closed down 51 Army, Navy, Air Force installations. Some estimates of eventual savings run to \$500 million a yr.

Such action strikes blow at local economy. Congressmen from affected areas howl like bottleless babes. But the Sec'y stands pat. "I aim to get value for every dollar Congress gives us," he says. "and I won't tolerate a Defense WPA." (CLAUDE PEPPER, aptly-named Senator from Fla, says JOHNSON action will "re-create the need for a civilian WPA.")

Be that as it may, Sec'y JOHNSON deposes and states that he has just begun housecleaning. There is a lot more to come! It will be interesting and enlightening to watch subsequent developments. As AEsop would have said, had he been a syndicated columnist: "Everybody loves economy—until it hits home!"

MAY WE

Quote

YOU ON THAT?

Msgr FULTON J SHEEN, Catholic educator, in recent London speech: "Socialism is that part of the economic system under which the state imposes a heavy tax on all the God-given teeth to supply every one with state-given teeth, whether they are needed or not, and then rations everything that can be chewed." 1-Q

Obran Lidu, Czechoslovakian army newspaper, announcing decree outlawing the pin-up girl: "The bathing beauty can be a model for American and British soldiers but not for the Czech soldiers of the people's democratic army." 2-Q

Sir THOS BEECHAM, British conductor: "Great Britain has gone potty. We have not enough money for our necessities and we cannot afford our luxuries." 3-Q

ROY HAMLIN, prominent Missouri Democratic politician, commenting on MARGARET TRUMAN's pronounced aversion to Missouri Waltz, newly-adopted state song: "She has much better taste in music than either her father or the Missouri legislature." 4-Q

BERNARD BARUCH, economic adviser: "When I'm called an elder statesman . . . I look around and wonder if they're talking about me. I haven't the slightest idea what an elder statesman looks like." 5-Q

EDW J MEEMAN, editor, *Memphis Press-Scimitar*: "World gov't is remote and ideal—it captivates the imagination by its claim to end all wars and remove the threat of

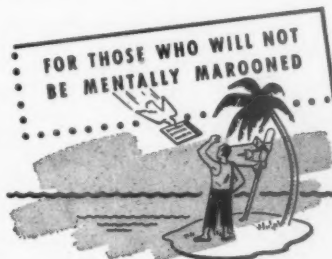
the atom bomb. It captivates the reason by its simplicity—one law to be enforced all over the one world. But it is not rational or possible at this time." 6-Q

Rev JOHN WM CHAS WAND, Anglican bishop of London, currently touring U S: "If it is a sin to play games on Sunday, I am a sinner." 7-Q

MARTIN HIGHT, who accompanied 44 war brides, 28 children on "Operation Bib and Diaper," chartered flight to England: "I like children but they are nicer when they are asleep." 8-Q

ANTHONY EDEN, former British For'gn Sec'y: "Relations between the British Commonwealth and the U S are much bigger than any political party in either of our countries. They are the future of the world." 9-Q

HERBERT HOOVER, former Pres: "A splendid storehouse of integrity and freedom has been bequeathed to us by our forefathers. In this day of confusion, of peril to liberty, our high duty is to see that this storehouse is not robbed of its contents." 10-Q





ACTION—1

Massillon, famed French bishop, gifted orator, used to say: "I don't want people leaving my church saying, 'What a wonderful sermon—what a wonderful preacher.' I want them to go out saying 'I will do something.'" — HAL STEBBINS, *Sales Mgt.*

BEHAVIOR—2

I can make myself uncomfortable any time by asking myself: "What would you do if you knew no one would ever find it out?" — *Farm Jnl.*

BELIEF—3

I've known good men who believed in God, and good men who didn't. I've never known a good man who didn't believe in people. — LOVEJOY ELLIOTT, quoted in *American Scholar*.

BOOKS—Bible—4

An edition of the Bible in basic English has been published by Cambridge Univ Press, England. Originally, basic English consisted of 850 words, but 150 more were required to take in tremendous scope of the Bible. — *Christian Science Monitor*.

CAUSE—and Effect—5

An old boatman was asked, "If a man fell off this pier would he be drowned?"

"No," he said, "it's not falling into the water that drowns a man; it's staying there." — EDMOND M KERLIN, *Telescope-Messenger*.

CHARACTER—6

For 1500 yrs the great wall of China stood unconquered. One day, by the gate, a guard was drunk, and a simple, harmless-looking shepherd came along and engaged him in conversation, corrupted and bribed him. The guard left the gate a moment, it was thrown back and hordes of barbarians poured in. They could not overcome China by bringing force against the wall, but they gained entrance thru 1 man who was weak. — Dr NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, *Guideposts*. (Pren-tice-Hall)

CHILDREN—Education—7

The Nat'l Social Welfare Assembly decided that, since comic books are firmly entrenched in the hearts of American youngsters, they should be used to transmit worthwhile messages to them. The 1st message, placed in 32 mags with a circulation of 10 million: "Keep going to school." — *Quick*.

DICTATORSHIP—8

Dictatorships always look good until the last 10 min's. — JAN MARSARYK, quoted in *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

DIPLOMACY—9

In the yr 1604 Sir Henry Wotton defined an ambassador as "an honest man sent to lie abroad for the good of his country." — Sir HUGH KNATCHBULL-HUGESSON, *Diplomat in Peace & War*. (Murray. London)

DRINK—Drinking—10

Nothing can hold liquor as well as a bottle. Leave it there! — *Parts Pups*, hm, Genuine Parts Co.

ETIQUETTE—11

A friend told of having dined with Chas Dana Gibson* in London. The dining room was filled with women who, tho fashionable and aristocratic, smoked cigarettes with their coffee, an act not then commonplace. "We began to discuss and define the word 'lady,'" related the friend. "Was it ladylike to smoke? What was a lady? I think Mr Gibson's definition was the best. 'A lady,' said he, ignoring the smoke question altogether, 'is a woman who always remembers others and never forgets herself.'" — *Utica Daily Press*.

FACTS—12

The trouble with facts seems to be, that if one treats them out of relationship to the rest of life, they become lies. — JAS BRANCH CABELL, author.

FAME—13

Lives of great men all remind us that sooner or later little men will write books debunking them. — *Banking*.

FEAR—Constructive—14

Fear, tho often destructive, is also constructive. Dr Abraham Myerson, prof of neurology, Tufts Medical School, says that "Fear, tho grossly maligned, is perhaps the most conservative and constructive force in life. Were it not for the fear of cold, men would not have built houses or utilized fire. Were it not for the fear of famine, men would have spared themselves the arduous labor of tilling the soil. Thrift has one of its roots in fear, and it is the reality of fear of death and disease which has built up religion and medicine." — *Property*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

FOR'GN AID—15

Since the war, Washington has spent \$23 billion for for'gn aid. In one way or another, U S is committed to defend about 3/5 of earth's land surface, 1/5 of its people. — *N Y Times*.

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GOVT-16

One trouble with gov't is that it seems to think the individual owes it a living.—*Changing Times*.

They say . . .

Teachers who want to make a good impression on pupils at the start of a new school term should wear bright print dresses. So at least says *Newsweek*, reporting a fashion show at Columbia Univ. But when teacher meets parents—well, that's another matter. Situation then calls for "something more subdued." . . . Hat industry currently quotes Antarctic explorer PAUL A SIPLE to support assertion that men should wear hats to keep their feet warm. "By covering the head, you stop the flow of heat from your feet." Or so "they say" . . . Acting on survey disclosing that drivers under 25 have twice as many accidents, two states (N Y and Kans) are boosting liability rates on cars driven by youngsters . . . Period of Plenty note: This Holiday season, according to *Business Wk*, there will be Christmas tree bulbs to burn!

HANDICAPS-17

O Henry,* considered by many the greatest short story writer of all time, was handicapped by very little education. During his life many doctors feared he would die of consumption and at one time he was thrown in prison because of a careless mistake on his part. Yet behind prison walls he conceived and wrote short stories which are today studied as models by writers who still hope to write stories half as good.—*Circle News*, hm, B F Goodrich Co.

HUMAN NATURE-18

When a person admits to a fault, his listeners multiply it; when he speaks of a virtue, they divide it.—ZULA BENNINGTON GREENE, *Capper's Wkly*.

IDEOLOGY-19

The great ills of our day are Militarism, which fills men's hearts with fear and destroys the flower of each generation; Communism, with its implacable hatred for Capitalism and the American way of life; Authoritarianism, whether Communistic or Fascist, with its

denial of liberty of the individual and its supremacy of the state; and Modernism, with its blatant denial of the deity and authority of God. All of these stem from wrong thinking.—VICTOR R ELDMAN, pres, Wheaton College, quoted in *Vita-Rays*, hm, Vitaminerals, Inc.

LAW-20

If the average man were a judge, he might tell an att'y badgering a witness with an intricate legal question, "This Court couldn't answer it either." Judge T Alan Goldsborough*—who has done this and who regularly comports himself in an unjudgelike fashion—... handles cases in just such a down-to-earth manner as might a layman. Whatever self-identifying satisfaction a layman may get out of Judge Goldsborough's scorn for conventional judicial behavior is not shared by the legal profession.

... One lawyer, bemoaning his judicial unorthodoxies, says. "There may be no sense to the Episcopal ritual, but it's hard to conduct a church without it."—FRED RODELL, "The Man Who Stopped John L Lewis," *American Mercury*, 5-49.

LIFE-21

The school of life never gives a vacation.—EULA C HILL, *Country Gentleman*.

LOVE-22

Money will buy a fine dog, but only love will make him wag his tail.—*Ulster* (N Ireland) *Post*.

MACHINE AGE-23

Have you noticed how much brighter than people mach'y seems to be getting?—*Future*.

MANNERS-24

Manners are like the cipher in arithmetic; they may not be much in themselves, but they are capable of adding a great deal to the value of everything else.—*Mutual Moments*, hm, Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Ass'n.

MARRIAGE-25

Marriage brings music into a man's life. He learns to play 2nd fiddle at home.—*Stepping Stones*.

MONEY-26

The worst thing about money is that the moment you have some you begin to suspect everyone is trying to take it away from you—and they usually are.—HELEN McCLOY, *She Walks Alone*. (Random House)

NEIGHBORS-27

Talk to your neighbors instead of about them. It improves the community spirit. — *Greenup* (Ky) *News*.

OBJECTIVE-28

Men cannot live without struggling. But if men are to struggle it should be against poverty, ignorance, hatred, fear and disease. They should struggle to build up and never to destroy.—Dr JAIMES TORRES BODET, *American Federationist*.



Had our Puritan forefathers been given to the marking of anniversaries by festive celebration, they would have held their New Yr parties, not on the night of Dec 31, but on the last evening of Feb. For 132 yrs after the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, our calendar yr began formally on the 1st day of March.

Not until 1752—or 197 yrs ago this mo—did Great Britain and her colonies officially adopt the Gregorian Calendar* and establish Jan as the 1st mo of the yr.

It was Pope GREGORY XIII who, in 1582, sponsored the reformation of the Julian Calendar, to bring it more accurately in accord with the solar yr. (LUIGI LILLIO GHIRALDI, a learned astronomer of Naples, made the remarkably accurate computations, but he died before the Pope accepted them.)

When the British Gov't belatedly made up its collective mind to follow the Gregorian pattern, there was nothing to do but drop a handful of days out of the old calendar. Thus it was decreed that the day following Sept 2, 1752, should be designated Sept 14.

There was some confusion, of course—and a number of children missed their customary birthday parties. Our own GEO WASHINGTON actually was born on Feb 11 ("Old Style") but after 1752 he celebrated his birthday on Feb 22.



The Divine Comedy

The Italian poet, DANTE, who died 628 yrs ago, will be remembered so long as our culture endures for his poetical pilgrimage thru Hell, Purgatory and Paradise. Our excerpt is from the 3rd Canto of the Inferno.*

ABANDON HOPE, ALL YE WHO ENTER HERE!

In characters obscure, above a gate

I saw these words inscribed upon the rock.

"Master," I said, "their meaning bodes me ill!"

He ans'd me like one of understanding:

"Here must all misgivings be cast off;

All cowardice must here be overcome.

For now we have approached unto that place

Of which I spoke, where you shall see those souls

Who mourn the lack of intellect's true light." . . .

Here sighs and wails and shrieks of every sort

Reverberated in the starless air, So that at first it made me weep to hear . . .

A ceaseless tumult's everlasting roar

Seethed round about that timeless blackened air,

As sand is tossed before the whirlwind's blast.

I asked him, with my head in horror bound:

"O master, tell me what is this I hear,

And who are these so overcome by grief?"

He ans'd me: "This miserable lot Befalls the woe-begotten souls of those

Who lived their lives with neither praise nor blame . . ."

ORIGIN: Chaplain—29

The word *chaplain* comes from the cape of St Martin of Tours which accompanied early kings of France to war, *chapelle* being the French term for cape. A guard stationed over the sacred cloak was called a "chaplain," and the tent in which it was kept was the chapel. — *York Trade Composer*, hm, York Composition Co.

PEACE—and War—30

We've had wars to end wars. Let's not have a peace to end peace.—*Judy's*.

PERSEVERANCE—31

Count Folke Bernadotte* had his goal set when he accepted the task of UN mediator in Palestine. The goal was peace. He was not a man who sought adventure—he knew the risks combined with his mission. But he did not hesitate, and he was again happy to be "just an instrument" for peace. He said, when he left Stockholm, "The chances for my success are about 1%, but I will try."—OLOF OLEN, *American Swedish Monthly*.

PERSONALITY—32

If the Archdeacon of Manchester and his brethren had the same drawing power as Danny Kaye has, the churches would have queues 600 yds long.—T H POPPLETON, *Daily Mail*. (London)

PRIDE—33

Pride not only goeth before a fall, but it asketh for it.—*Banking*.

POLITICS—34

In Freehold, N J, the late John W Hopper, Republican, willed to his heirs his opposition to Franklin D Roosevelt. A codicil to his will declared: "I also hereby bequeath to my children, and their descendants down thru the ages to come, a priceless heritage—the knowledge that I, their father and grandfather, had no share, not even once, in the installation or perpetuation of the Roosevelt (FD) dynasty . . . with this knowledge they may always hold up their heads in pride."—*Newsweek*.

POVERTY—35

Poverty is a soft pedal upon all branches of human activity, not excepting the spiritual.—H L MENCKEN,* *A Book of Prefaces*. (Knopf)

PUNISHMENT—36

As late as the early 16th century, when King Henry VIII was boss of a Navy, if a man was convicted of sleeping on watch for the 4th time, he was tied to the bowsprit, given a biscuit, a can of beer, and a knife. Other than killing himself with the knife, the culprit had 2 choices. He could eat his biscuit, drink his beer, and then stay there and starve to death or cut himself loose and fall into the sea where he would most likely perish or be eaten by sharks.—*Ships' Editorial Ass'n*.

RECREATION—37

For recreation, Americans in '48 spent \$1,386 million for motion picture theatres, \$68 million for professional baseball, \$96 million for college football.—*Survey Bulletin*.

REGENERATION—38

A stranger passing some mines in Pa many yrs ago, asked a little boy why the field was so full of mules. "These mules are workers in the mines during the wk," repl'd the boy, "and are brought up into the sunlight on Sunday to keep them from going blind."—WALTER L MOORE, *Christian Herald*.

RETRIBUTION—39

Advice to a listener who had overdrawn his acc't at the bank and rec'd a nasty note from the cashier: "First, buy a mackerel, a good, medium-sized one. See that the flesh is firm

The cost of racism . . .

No one knows how much silly, personal friction based on traditional stereotypes of "the other fellow" costs the U S, but Elmo Roper estimates it at between \$10 and \$30 billion a yr!—*Des Moines Register*.

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Using figures compiled by Elmo Roper, Jos J Morrow, Conn industrialist, said that the 6.5 million wage-earners among the Negroes of this country are now earning and spending at the rate of \$10 billion a yr. If discriminatory practices were dropped and Negroes permitted to share equally in the economic process, their earnings would be \$16 billion. The difference between these 2 figures he described as the cost of racism.—*Christian Century*. 40

and fresh looking. Then go back to the bank and rent a safe deposit box. You will be the only one with a key to it. That's the law. Now carefully take your pkg, unwrap it, and place the fish neatly in the safe deposit box, and lock it in. Then go on a long vacation—say, in Alaska. Spend as much time as possible thinking about that bank, and the new atmosphere you have created there.” —DAVE GARROWAY, on TV program “Garroway at Large.”

RUSSIA—41

Dr Kusnetsov, editor of *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, the official organ for Communist youth, thinks smoking is a threat to the well-being of the Russian nation.

It is only, he says, in capitalist countries that “hunger, misery and despair make a man cloud his brain with tobacco.” In U S, he asserts, they even sell special cigarettes for children. But in Russia, says the doctor: “Soviet youth, being the happiest in the world, need not resort to tobacco.” — *Financial Post*. (Canada)

SPEECH—Speaking—42

If you attempt to be brief (in speeches) you will be misleading. If you attempt to be complete, you will be uninteresting.—ANDRE KAMINKER, interpreter on World Town Hall tour.

SUCCESS—43

If I could get a message over to the youth of this country, it would be that success in life does not depend on genius. Any young man of ordinary intelligence, who is morally sound, above-board in his dealings and not afraid of work, should succeed in spite of obstacles and handicaps, if he plays the game fairly and squarely and keeps everlastingly at it. The possibilities before one are measured by the determination which is within one. —J C PENNEY, * *Christian Herald*.

TALENT—44

If a man has a talent and cannot use it, he has failed. If he has a talent and uses only half of it, he has partly failed. If he has a talent and learns somehow to use the whole of it, he has gloriously succeeded, and won a satisfaction and a triumph few men ever know. —THOS WOLFE.*

TELEVISION—45

According to Geo C Sterling, Fed'l Communications Commission-

er, construction cost of a television station is from \$200,000 to \$1 million. Operating costs vary from \$59,000 to \$800,000 per telecaster, with average of \$500,000. Few of the 63 U S television stations are now operating profitably. — *Adv'g Agency*.

THOUGHT—46

Most folks have presence of mind. The trouble is absence of thought. —Arnold Soundings.

TRUST—47

The people of Holland have some very definite views about how much you can trust leading political figures in world politics.

Pres Truman gets a high rating, and so does Winston Churchill. You can trust the word of those men, Dutch voters say.

As for Clement Attlee, Prime-Minister of England, the Hollanders don't seem to know what to make of him. Stalin gets a high vote of “no confidence.”—GEO GALLUP, director, American Inst of Public Opinion, *Birmingham News-Age Herald*.

TRUTH—48

It would be a great thing for this world if truth and honesty were advertised as much as cigarettes and cosmetics.—RAY D EVERSON, *Ind Farmers Guide*.

UNDERSTANDING—49

A man with a broad taste in food is inclined to be tolerant in regard to everything. Also, when he begins to understand the cooking of a nation, he is on the way to an understanding of the nation itself.—CARL VAN VECHTEN, *Peter Whifle—His Life and Works*. (Knopf)

WISDOM—50

A man gathers wisdom by financial loss. Like a razor, he is sharper for having been stropped.—*Canadian Business*.

WORSHIP—51

A cartoon in the New Yorker depicts men and women filing into a church, reading as they go, and with evident indifference, a sign on the bulletin board which announces: “Inasmuch as this service is to be televised, reverence during prayer, spirited participation in the singing, and an attentive aspect throughout the sermon are kindly urged.”

Such truly should a televised worship service be; but no more so, as

the caricature suggests, than any other approach to God at any time, anywhere.—JOHN M RAST, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Quote CALENDAR

September 11-17—Nat'l Home Wk

September 11

1609—Henry Hudson, English navigator, discovered Hudson River

1862—*b O Henry (Wm Sydney Porter), American author

1948—d Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Indian leader, founder of Pakistan

September 12

1788—b Alexander Campbell, Irish-born American founder, “Disciples of Christ”

1812—b Richard M Hoe, American inventor of rotary printing press

1818—b Richard J Gatling, American inventor of revolving machine gun

1869—d Peter M Roget, English physician, lexicographer

1880—*b H L Mencken, American author

1919—d Leonid A Andreyev, Russian author

September 13

1592—d Michel de Montaigne, French philosopher, author

1851—b Walter Reed, American surgeon, bacteriologist

1860—*b John J Pershing, American gen'l

1876—b Sherwood Anderson, American author

September 14

1321—*d Dante Alighieri, Italian poet, philosopher

1735—b Rob't Raikes, English publisher, founder of Sunday School

1752—*Great Britain and colonies in America adopted Gregorian calendar

1814—“Star Spangled Banner” composed by Francis Scott Key

1836—d Aaron Burr, American statesman

1867—*b Chas Dana Gibson, American artist

1886—*Jan Masaryk, Czech diplomat

1887—b Karl T Compton, American physicist, educator

September 15

1789—b Jas Fenimore Cooper, American author

1857—b Wm H Taft, 27th U S Pres

1889—b Rob't Benchley, American humorist

1938—*d Thos Wolfe, American author

1949—Felt Hat Day

September 16

1638—b Louis XIV, French ruler

1823—b Francis Parkman, American historian

1860—b Hamlin Garland, American author

1875—*b J C Penney, American merchant

1877—*b T Alan Goldsborough, American judge

1880—b Alfred Noyes, English author

1949—Nat'l Guard Day

September 17

1730—b Frederick Wm von Steuben, Prussian officer who organized, drilled American colonial army

1948—d Emil Ludwig, German author, biographer

1948—*d Folke Bernadotte, Swedish Count, UN mediator for Palestine, by assassination

1949—Constitution Day

1949—Army, Navy & Air Force Day

*Indicates relevant mat'l in current issue. See items thus marked.

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

A small-town newspaper carried a ¼-page of white space, in the center of which was set in 6 point type: "This space belongs to John Smith who went fishing with the copy in his pocket."—*Christian Science Monitor*. a

" " In Staten Island, N Y, church officials reported someone had been taking small sums from the poor box each wk. The am't, they said, was usually about 60¢. After a brief investigation, detectives charged a mbr of the congregation with robbery. "Oh, you really couldn't call it that," the man protested. "I like to go to church Sunday mornings and to play golf Sunday afternoons. It doesn't cost anything to attend church services, but at the golf course they charge a 60¢ greens fee."—*Family Circle*. b

" " *Easy St: a blind alley.*—Kroehler News, hm, Kroehler Mfg Co.

" " One joke they're telling in London is inspired by the big money some dentists are making off the gov't health plan . . .

"My dentist had an awful accident."

"What happened?"

"He fell off his wallet!"—*Memphis Commercial Appeal*. c

" " The counter man in one of Chicago's restaurants favored by physicians, watched with horrified fascination while a patron unwrapped a chocolate bar, laid it between slices of buttered toast, and munched with obvious relish. Turning to another customer, the food purveyor observed, "Now, there's a psychiatrist who needs a psychiatrist!"—*Chicago Tribune*. d

" " To Gen "Black Jack" Pershing,* our ill-starred expedition against Pancho Villa was a disagreeable and unrewarding affair. One day when things were not going very well, the gen'l met with a party of newspaper reporters and explained the progress of the campaign as cheerfully and as optimistically as he could. But it was plain that his heart was not in it.

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

IRVING HOFFMAN

Columnist

Oscar Schisgall tells it on Lucian Cary. The sec'y of a ladies' luncheon club rose to present the speaker of the day, the noted author, Mr Lucian Cary. "Normally," she said, with her brightest smile, "this honor would fall to our president, who has never missed hearing any of our speakers. But today she is in Atlantic City—and how we all envy her!"—*Hollywood Reporter*.

" " It was at this point a grizzled old scout elicited a hearty laugh, not only from the newspaper men, but from Gen Pershing as well. Breaking a long, solemn silence, he observed: "As I figure it, Gen'l, we've got Villa entirely surrounded —on 1 side."—*Wall St Jnl*. e

" " When Fulton Oursler interviewed Winston Churchill, the then Prime Minister graciously volunteered to show his paintings. Oursler regarded a whole roomful of canvases with a knowing eye, and finally announced, "This landscape over the door is far and away the best." "Damn it," blurted Churchill, "That's the 1 picture in the room I didn't paint!"—BENNETT CERF, *Sat Review of Literature*. f

" " *The man whose ship comes in usually finds most of his relatives at the dock.*—FRANKLIN P JONES, *Sat Evening Post*.

" " The vicar's sermon was so exceptionally short, having occupied less than 2 min's, that the verger felt justified, in the vestry afterwards, in remarking on its extreme brevity.

"Yes, it was short," said the vicar. "As a matter of fact, I am without my teeth today, and find it difficult to speak plainly."

On the following Sunday the sermon ran to a great length, occupying at least 10 min's longer

than usual. The verger felt prompted to comment again, and added: "Expect you've got your teeth back, sir?"

"No," said the vicar, "I haven't, but I borrowed my wife's, and I wonder I'm not still preaching. I had a terrible job to stop when I did!"—*Montreal (Canada) Star*. g

" " Little Susie's hair cracked as her mother was combing it. "Why, does it crack?" the child asked.

"Because it has electricity in it," repl'd her mother.

"Gee," ejaculated the modern little miss, "we're sure in the groove. I got electricity, Grandpa's got gas on his stomach, and Daddy's all lit."—*Mutual Moments*, hm, Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Ass'n. h

" " *Efficiency is getting other people to do the jobs you don't like.*—Answers.

" " "What does this expression, 'Sez you,' mean?" asked the British judge.

The clerk of the court repl'd: "My lord, it appears that this is a slang expression of American origin which has gained regrettable currency in the language of our people thru the insidious agency of the cinema, and is, as I am led to understand, employed to indicate a state of dubiety in the mind of the speaker as to the veracity or credibility of a statement made to him."

"Oh, yeah?" said the judge.—*Catholic Mirror*. i

" " A wise but rather cynical philosopher once said that it was in the ballet, and only in the ballet, that the female of the human species appeared at her best. When pressed to give his reasons he said: "Because she is able to exhibit every grace and charm of woman and she does not speak!"—*Woman's Jnl*. (London) j

" " When a young German immigrant from the Sudeten area of Czecho-

slovakia applied for citizenship in flawness English, the judge asked him how he had learned the language so perfectly and so soon.

"I picked it up," he said "from reading the comics." — *Townsend Nat'l Wkly.* **k**

A pompous physician who was inclined to criticize others was watching a stone-mason build a fence for his neighbor, and thought the mason was using too much mortar. He said, "Jim, mortar covers up a good many mistakes, does it not?"

"Yes, doctor," the stone-mason repl'd, "and so does the spade." — *Anecdotes.* **l**

Girls should resent it when a man calls them "Honey," because while it is sweet it is also thick. — *MINNIE PEARL, radio program.* **" "**

A Ky Colonel had an orthodox Catholic Negro servant who was reciting constantly the verses of Scripture which referred to Heaven. One day the Col asked: "Tom, do you think only those will be saved who are elected?"

"Yassah!"

"Then will I be saved?"

"Well, Massah, I dunno if you'll be elected. I never heard you was a candidate." — *Arkansas Baptist. m*

Off and On

Little boys wear haloes,

Shiny and unscratchable,

Very much like angels'

Save that they're detachable.

—*RICHARD ARMOUR, Everybody's Wkly.* **n**

Two Greenwich Village artists arrived in Spain. Neither spoke a word of Spanish. They soon got hungry and headed for a restaurant. They wanted roast beef, but the waiter could not "compre."

"What are we to do?" asked one.

"I don't know," said the other. "I'll draw a picture of a cow."

He made an impressionistic sketch and marked "2" beneath it. The waiter looked, smiled a smile of comprehension, and went away. Five

min's later he ret'd with 2 tickets to a bull fight! — *Times of Brazil. (Sao Paulo)* **o**

In the middle of their character assassination session, two groups shifted their attack to Miss Prunella Jones, the village old maid. "Have you noticed," said the 1st, "how untidy she's been keeping her house of late?"

"I certainly have," ans'd the 2nd, "and you can blame it all on the Rev Garrison. Ever since he delivered that sermon in which he said, 'Man sprang from dust,' she hasn't bothered to sweep from under her bed." — *B T JAMES, Country Gentleman.* **p**

It was his 1st speech, and he wanted it to be a success. His oration was long and passionate, and he wished to end it with a warning note.

He could have couched his warning in the old proverb about locking the stable door after the horse had been stolen, but that was too commonplace. He wanted something better. Then he shouted: "Don't, I beg of you—don't wait until the house catches fire before you summon the firemen!" — *Tit-Bits. (London)* **q**

A late bishop of Columbus, Ohio, was once taken for a drummer by a traveling salesman. The stranger opened the conversation by inquiring, "Do you represent a big house?" "Biggest on earth," repl'd the bishop. "What's the name?" was the next question. "Lord & Church," repl'd the bishop. "Mm," mused the salesman, "never heard of it. Any branch houses?" "Branch houses all over the world," said the man of God. "That's queer!" went on the questioner, who began to think he had run across a boastful representative of some small concern. "Er—boots and shoes?" "No," said the bishop. "Hats and caps?" "No." "Dry goods?" asked the salesman, beginning to display irritation. "Well," said the bishop, "some folks call 'em notions." — *BERNARDINE SHROGEN, Catholic Digest.* **r**



COOKING AIDS: Baking, freezing, reheating can all be done in new aluminum frozen food container. Pint and qt sizes, complete with lid and closing device. (*Parade*) **" "**

GADGETS: No-Snore fits mouth, resting between lips and teeth; opens when wearer opens mouth. Ends snoring by encouraging proper breathing. Made by No-Snore Co, 624 S Mich Blvd, Chicago 5, Ill. (*American Legion Mag*) **" "**

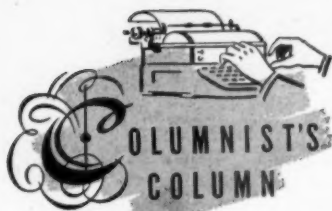
HOME EQUIPMENT: Attachment for power mower, called Grind-a-Leaf, substitutes for mowing blade, picks up leaves, pulverizes them, and returns them to ground for absorption as fertilizer. (*Propulsion Engine Corp'n, Kansas City*) **" "**

INSECTICIDES: New product both mothproofs and flameproofs. The compound is colorless, odorless, and stainless and is guaranteed to protect sprayed textile at least 1 yr. (*Rotarian*) **" "**

OFFICE APPLIANCES: Feeder drops business forms, aligned and ready for use, into typewriters or business machines. Does not interfere with normal typing when not in use; can be moved easily. American Business Systems, Philadelphia. (*Modern Industry*) **" "**

TEXTILES: "Fabric X" solves weather worries, its inventor claims. Sheer stockings will be warm as wool, zero weather blankets as light as a sheet, and warm winter coats will be thin as cotton if made with new discovery. (*IN S*) **" "**

WEARING APPAREL: Regina Glove Co of Brooklyn is mfg Money Mitt, gloves with small zippered pocket built into palm . . . will put pocket into children's mittens this fall. (*Newsweek*)



Rival to the Atom—ROBT C RUTKIN, United Feature Syndicate.

We have been viewing the story of the new French "youth serum" with mingled emotion and considerable misgiving. This is a thing, it would appear, to be handled as seriously as the atom.

It seems a Dr Emmanuel Jean Sobieski, of Paris, has concocted an elixir which will move grandfathers to pinch chorus girls, set grandmothers to doing the rhumba, restore hair color and melt away double chins . . .

This is a dangerous draught. I doubt we can trust it to the military, and to date the UN has not shown itself competent to run the world. But somebody must take it in hand, and parcel it out. Otherwise we are faced with a world just rocketing with rejuvenated ancients, all throwing their heels and cackling evilly over their newfound energy . . .

Old age is the greatest single blessing granted us by God, in that the appetites and frustrations, the stresses and strains, the hopes and the fears of the 1st 50 yrs have largely simmered down to a neutral tranquillity. Old age is the locker room of life's tennis match, with the score decided, containing a pleasant fatigue, and a measured contemplation of things past . . .

Even if the serum were able to supply the necessary energy and muscular coordination, they have not yet invented one which can roll back the mind to its adolescent state.

So here you would have a husky body, clamoring to make all the mistakes it made over a span of 40 yrs—winking at the redheads, betting the horses, playing the stock mkt, fighting with the in-laws—and a tired, eroded old brain saying: "See here. You've been thru all this nonsense before. Go some place and set down before your heart quits." No greater frustration could ever be visited on man . . .

The world would be so full of en-

ergetic people that there would be no peace anywhere.

Apart from that, what is the earthly use of perfecting a nostrum to keep mankind vital indefinitely, when we already own the copyright on the weapon which can cut him down before his time, even if the said time be 250 yrs of age?

Slogan of Nat'l Employment Comm of American Legion:
"You can never sentence a man to the scrap heap on the testimony of a calendar!"

Old People Are People—FRANCES BURNS, Boston Globe, 8-21-'49.

From all the stir that is being made about retirement and pensions and programs for the old we might conclude that age is something new and peculiar to the atomic era . . .

It is a fact that Americans are living longer than even their fathers did. In 1900 only 4.1% of the 76 million people in the U S were 65 yrs and older. Currently this age bracket constitutes 7% of the population. But the prediction that in '75 or '80 the "aged" will be 12% appears to overlook the tremendous war baby boom and the off-spring which these 10 million and more presumably will be having in a quarter of a century . . .

The gov't and industry and even our colleges increasingly are making "old age" an arbitrary 65—in some cases 60. Is this wise? Perhaps with an ever longer life span in prospect we should be extending rather than shrinking the employable age. There is no age vigorous enough to carry on its back the support of such an increasing percentage of the population . . .

More and more concerns have instituted their own retirement plans and it is claimed that altogether nearly 1/2 the people over 65 in the country now are receiving a pension of some sort. This is, on the whole, a good idea. But the danger lies in thinking that men—and women, too—have outlived their usefulness as contributors to the work of the world or their ability to earn. Univ's wish a painless way of getting rid of prof's who might hang on too long; unions want way made for younger mbrs and business needs to have

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exec jobs opened for their younger, more ambitious men . . .

Every able-bodied man or woman should be ready to take on another job if he faces retirement . . . There are many unpaid, vital jobs that older people can do . . .

If old age is a problem it is another one we are making for ourselves. The solution is not soft food in little jars—or a place on the shelf, however well padded. It is to be found in the same area as for any other age—that of freedom to live and work to the fullest capacity of the individual.

GEO SOKOLSKY, American journalist: "Each of us is ambitious to remain everlastingly youthful, to dance gaily at 60; to be interested in all of life at 70; to keep one's wits at 80. And why not? Yrs are the artificialities of the calendar makers. If the spirit is young, the yrs are not even remembered. If the spirit remains young, one can sing a song of youth at 80 as at 18—but at 80 it will have more meaning."

